was looking a base while for intentions, for a clew to the black ry of the past for a clew to the line of the past for my self and for the base clearts, and now I have

It to not in these pared faither in the libraries, mis than in all else. is in democracy, the purport and aim of all

ern improvement sami the interchange of

All for the modern, all for the average man of -Walt Whitman.

A SUMMER COQUETTE.

"Good night," said thent, as we sepaseted. "Good rie" benther," said I, with prefound sym

*Pleasant de "Confound Hill ment wald T. a waman can make a "Alas, how o

feel of a man. "Or two mon.

about a mile down the banch from the that young hely's hand'—

"Then, Mr. Hite, he went on, "let me inform you that I am also a suitor for without addition to feart martial.

"The fact of the window with back of the horse" was form Bubyll Lynn was low far the prettiest

ustil I heard Mr. Lenn or into raptures with her myself this evening."

con's good t as a blu never with me in what I think all trade, bott in this instance I seem the base departed from my an athlete, while I wasn't Oxtral custom

Mowever, as I am saving, Mr. Brent said half plendingly. engagement to I was rather pleased then

ing leisurety twi kim a favor

ven dor I m were friendly and to remark step with me as the eventure " I said, or William D. C.

"and how so! OTes: Ad ful when the - a in It, and an if of the sulfair of

OI have no he dies -a theorymiat, pleased to 1 for I admir poetry and lovers' "It is the p Phapsoille." I very

He laugher. "There is an tilm in that," he said. Then I have

HE E SHE," I said, Thurs be to bowing will a the representation and tions com

The somethment, and T. mercer buryer. T BUILD STREETE CUPwith removate engmente in cor. Last a I see now, though, the avvenues of a soft, sweet, he loves her talt water.

"It is a beautiful to a fet," I responded, proud of the second of the last least second remarkable a limit Link least, was an housest man, and I level Ethyll Lyan with all my soul.

land been discounted by the man of the man of that character.
wither, and the bar to be the like day "Mr. Brent," I continued. Deferre vanie as they do was re-Sally liver

where out of in of compticion mose that ! ! we to avoine feld fought in of that it was inveheda and i

"You treat the a sime as with too much levily, old man," I and his a tone of Brent that evening at 8 o'clock.
Was it possible that I had me friendly research nud the more of that so and

he constoned the property of the same three class. This was t

"Oh, I'm with you." Is harphed. and a under the some rights in the premises, but there are twilight star-

was not This was for anxious to day ... Hite?"

even under the "Predbly a to strick be so to you?"

"Ah, rough residual, he sighed, with his eyes relief hardward but better than men within sight of a lady's house to beany ple that everytheen a palate." Brent was getting sills:

'How for are you going down the boach?" I select makes anddenly, for at a threat in his voice. this point we were only aquiarier of a mile from Miss Lynn's contary and I wanted to Miss Lynn's cottage and submit the to get Brent turned in some other direct matter to her."

"Oh, not very for the sold, rather suto ask kim such a nuest for

'Far enough I have I retorted.

"And still foother no charte," he said, stant of time, but it was enough,

"As you was around her. " and I stop and Jack's arm was around her. *Are you cours hole!! In one erole

"You may be a so Man Lord's est-

od him to know.

"I presume you would have no objection to my going with you and obtaining a much needed rest myself would you!"
"Certainly not," I replied, and he

seemed to think better of me, ' but Miss Lynn might. And why Miss Lynn, pray?" "Really, Mr. Brent I said most speer-

ingly, "I cannot undertake to explain to you why Miss Lynn is particular about whom she assertates with

didn't. "Seeing that you are one of her associsalama before me, "I should think not "

"And so am I, sir." I have said to her at more than a dozen permanent one

Miss Lynn will be an engaged couple after | endurable | Foldiers were frequently senthis evening?"
"Exactly, Mr. Brent."

covered with gore and victory, and much | colonel of a regiment, wrought so much less with gore and defeat, for Brent was in jury to those subjected to its discipline

could no more love that woman as I love I shave company in here than a humaning bird could fly with an eagle. All my hepes and my amld Me 241 of he said, tip- tions, my present and my future what I grave that made have and what I am or ever expect to be, "Ab, Mr. Breef I ampled, "how do were to be through they were to be through they were to be through upon me I would not upon will be sen on the instant. box her, man. Love her? Why, my love for her passes the comprehension of a dozen

This was painful and personal, but I preserved my balance.

"It is easy for you to talk"-be was a inwyer-I replied, "but you are not select ing the proper text. Ethyll Lynn for weeks has been to me, the one woman in the world, and I would give my life glastly to win her. Already we have talked over the future that is opening so happily be fore us, and I have gazed rapturously follow hand in hand to the end of our days.

I am sure Brent thought I was lying to him, but fortunately he did not say so, At that moment I was desperate and it would have taken very little for me to become a factor in a twilight tragedy down

"Mr. Brent, 'I said, repressing my indignation, "you have traduced this lady, and I do not want to hear, any more from

"I have not resilized her any more than you have, sir," he referred. "It does not traduce a woman for an honest man to say

"Thank you." said I, nouch to his surclammy damping and a broke just off the | price at the next turn I had given his re-

Brent was an interloper, and I was eerconclusion.

"Yes," he handled harter, "and the tall of it. He had the specious manner."

"Mr. Tiront," I continued, seeing that he was ellent, "you have made certain." . invare seveeps its | state) acuts this evening concerning a bety which must be shown to be true of your

becoming will have to answer for them to me. This was almost a declaration of war, and I made it with some degree of nervcreams, but it had to be theme.

"Wery will sir," he repiled confidently, "I timele I can satisfy you that I am speaknot a land he are however, as the moment ling the truth." And he book from his pecket a delicate little mole and baseled little me. It was from Miss Lynn-from Enleyl this discrepancy must exist. The limita--and it appointed a meeting with Mr.

Was it possible that I had made a mistake in understanding her to say that she would also meet me that evening at the done the laws of art would forbid its look-

This was possible, for I know that when she told me to come I was in such a state "And your a raphed, furning upon of rapture as scarcely to be responsible. "This note," I said after I had glanced over it by the light of Brent's char, for it "And I are the second." I bowed, was already dark, "seems to entitle you to

> others to be satisfied in this matter." - 1 - 1 expected to the air of a triumphant conquerer. countries walk, you show cause why you are here. Mr.

"None, sir," I said, braving it out as "I don't know it and "I think men best I could, "except my verbal statement, can be perfered and another each other, and I hardly think Mr. Brent will say that I am a line."

"It is not necessary for Mr. Brant to laughed Mr. I and to the For say what he believes," he replied, and I never felt so like hitting a man in my life,

but I restrained my belligerency. "Neither is it necessary for two gentlecome common street brawlers." I retorted

with great dignity. "Another time is better." And there was "Quite so, Mr. Brent. Now let us go on

As you please, Mr. Hite." We walked on in silence A storm was percilionsly, I thought awif I had no right rising, the black clouds were banking up In the west. There were flashes of lightning and the angry muttering of thunder, "And prov. Mr 11 he flow for is 'far but all of it was a May morning to the enough' in your versual area in respond storm that was raging within us. We ed in such a manner as to provoke me all | walked some distance apart, but met at last at the gate of the cottage and stopping "The beach to a raddle bighway to all there an instant, waiting which one should intents and perpendicular tempts of the party of the latch, there came a brilliant light-with frigidity and I promise you can go ning flash which illuminated the whole

front of the cottage. It lasted not an in-Scated on the pingga was Miss Lynnenreastic as some. We it only extended Scated on the plazza was Miss Lynn-over the rocks from the man and there was 'my Ethyll, Brent's Ethyll, our Ethylldeep water there and me his savers in and Jack Harper, a young dude both of us despised from the bottom of our hearts.

We saw it all and heard her little scream as she saw us, and then the darkness came down thicker than ever.

I put out my hand to the latch of the gate and Bront's hand was there. Hut we "I had thought of grown there." I said uid not lift the latch. We squeezed each as indifferent . . I torred but I have be other's hands as brothers in a common could see here a new I saw them I want woe, god went back to the hotel arm in arm. - Washington Star.

MILITARY PUNISHMENTS.

The Terrible Tertures That Were Inflicted In the Eighteenth Century.

The military pant laments in 1749 were terrible. The Duke of Camberland's general orders contain on three conscentive days senteness of con, 500 and 800 lashes for the typic, "and Louis expressions" and "insolent behavior. Three days after-ward a sentence of "1:000 lashes" is re-I thought this would crosh him, but it corded in b fair to say the man deserved to die, but death would have been a mercitorite. ful purediment. A fear fuel of that day ates, Mr Hire," and he swept a scornful might be and was a terrible tyrant to his alamn before me, "I should think not" nen. Strand out of the way punish"Mr. Breut." I said, exasperated almost ments were believed for trifling offenses beyond control, for I saw he was bent on without adding one lots to the efficiency Interforing with my plans for the evening, of the army. The soldier might either be "if you will permit me to explain, I will "picketed" or made to ride the 'wooden my to you that I am here by design."

horse 'In 'picketing' the outprit's haked heel rested on a sharpened stake "Miss Lynn," I continued, "has an en- driven and the ground his right wrist gagement with me for this evening, made | and right leg being frawn up as high as yesterday, and I may add that from what | they hould be to a hook fixed in an adshe said to me at the time and from what toming past. The whole weight of the I have said to her at more than a dozen body rested on the deriganed stake, which, times during the past two weeks, that en- though it shill not break the skin inflicted gagement will very probably be made a exquisite torture. The only means of alleviation was to rest the weight on the "In other words, Mr Bite, you and wrist the pattent which soon became unthis evening?"

"Exactly, Mr. Brent."

"Then, Mr. Hite, he went on, "let me was aften inflated by order of the colonel."

The back of the Borse' was formed of his hands tied to hind him and to increase nthilete, while I wasn't.
"But you do not love her as I do," I tire-s tells us that so late as 1760 the remains of a wooden heree were standing on eleve her mans and his tones were the parade at Portsmouth - Chambers dere and terrist. Love hers Why, you Journal

IT WAS A GOOD JOKE.

But the Obtuse Barber Could Not Get a Line on Nicks.

As he took has not in a Brooklyn barber's osinbilshound the fat, july looking That was a bretty goote joke on Hans, vat keeps the barber shop around the cor-

ning work on his customer.

the latter. "It was so fromy I haigh my will all over efter time I think of it. It vas like this: A man come into Hans' place, and Hans shave him. He says to along the rese leafed path which we shall Hans. There was someting der matter mit the man laugh like the divulnearly out of his chair and say. Yes, ders it-nicks, ha ha ha! Bretis good joke, vasn't it?" "I don't see where that loke comes out," replied the Lorler of he stanked the lather. in the customer's left eye

the ensteamer impatiently.

'Nix: I see me not belie mit nix, and I tink you was amay," replied the barber

Voll Hyen don't see some joke mit nicks, you are hearty thick headed," answered the customer in an angry tone of

You was food-hor dronk-maype som-REPORT vasn't so the h brided be sees no joke mit

after him. "Next" called out the berber, and as

Stevenson's Sustained Power.

pess in the elements condeyed, may be at this time, perfectly managed in hir la places of work gorgeous that only a trained eye will per gelse discrepancy between its parts. tions of human power forbid that a cathedeal shall be cinborated, chiseled and jew eled all over like a small shrine for the benes of a saint, and if the thing were ing well. No one could write a book from and to end as Enskip has written his most sumptions passes, and if he could it would weary and distress the reader. But The Pilgrim - Progress is homogeneous because the great artist who wrote it was classically sorene and simple in style. And none of the emphatic and violent, the "Rather, I should say," he said with sweetly sentimental the elaborately "precious" or the perferred biscious and fuxurbant writers of our day approaches Ste version in his power to be always at his best. Yet in saying that his work is beautiful I have affirmed, of course, that its simplicity is never monotonous, bald or hard. It is like the work of a Greek sculptor, which would be grievously deformed were it be-prinkled with East Indian jewels - Hobert Louis Stevenson and His Writings," by Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer, in Century.

> Develope or Develop. Whether this word should or should not be spelled with a final "e" seems to be a puzzle of modern orthographers. "Develope" was undoubtedly used at one time-Burke and others are quoted as illustrative works -- and yet certain modern dictionaries omit it altogether. A good in stance of strict impartiality appears in The Saturday Review of Aug. 24, page The chronicler of the week, describing Mr Chamberlain's first speech as colonial secretary, closes with a seeming quota-tion, thus: "If we are not willing to develope countries ourselves, we should hand them over to those who will develop them "-Notes and Queries

> > Encouragement.

Richard-Miss Coye says you are no man to follow her up as you do Harry-Good That's the best news I've heard in a month. The last time I saw her she said she was in love with no man.

I bade't any idea she meant me.-Boston The man who keeps his mind on the good times combine is a lot more sensible than the man who keeps thinking of the troubles he has had -- Somerville Journal

Beware of disputing your powers. Strive constantly to concentrate them --GOELDO.



[This department is under the control of the W. C. T. U., and the editor of this paper is not responsible for anything that appears under this head.]

A New York occulist declares that the hotel where I was spending a month and all my space code.

I was stronger and but the said in the purple and but twenty to the said in the purple and but twenty twenty twenty to the said in the purple and but twenty twe rigarette is the greatest enemy to the and film-like gatherings over the eye best to make a war a large mark that appear at intervals.

He was telling me a cruel lie, and I knew it, but I could not tell him so I had my engagement to keep with Ethyll.

The best specialists were at a loss for a long time to understand the cause of the purishment a heavy musket was not infrequently tied to his legs. This punishment a heavy musket was not infrequently tied to his legs. This punishment a heavy musket was not infrequently tied to his legs. This punishment which religious the inflicted by senting more.

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Mr. Wayd. An heavy musket was not infrequently tied to his legs and disappear at intervals.

In Chicago...

Mr. Pete Per intervals. to the use of the eigarette. It is known as the "cigarette eye," and can be cured only by long treatment, and an entire suspension of the eigarette habit.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, a Roman Catholic benevolent organization, has excluded saloonkeepers from membership. Like action has been taken by several Masonie bodies, and several raitroads, among them the Chicustomer turned to the knight of the cago & Alton, require total abstinence of their employes.

Cambridge, Mass., has been out from under saloon influence for eight years, ner. Then there I goes I don't alreadty and consequently has a prosperous hear of it, replied the elemented German record. The valuation of property has barber as he strapped a razor before begin- increased by fifteen million dollars, and "You don't have heard dot joke?" said the same rate of taxation yields one hundred and thirty thousand dollars greater income. In face of such facts can license be considered necessary to revenue?

Attention.

You done see that joke-nicks!" asked their orders to call on or write me.

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nicks. And with that parting shot be Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Co. went out of the shop, slatunding the door for their promptness in paying the inthe new ricting is it his sent in the chair in that company. The law allows them he said "The bline vet goes out was a sixty days time after proofs of death are flow Harmer'er a cracy lumiticks "-New submitted. The proofs were sent in on Much splender in treatment, much rich. On the 18th. I appreciate their kindness

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"Very good. But if she marries again?" "In that case I'll make it 200,000.



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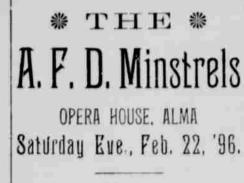
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is not for her, however. I leave it to her husband. Poor fellow! It will be hard earned money."-Illustrazione Popolare



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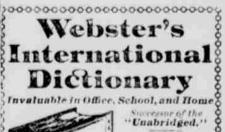
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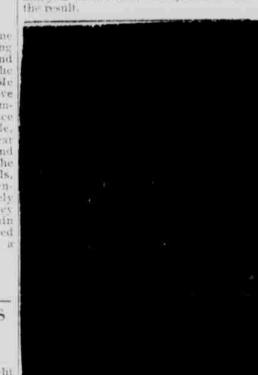
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PROBATE ORDER: State of Michican, County of Gratice as, At a session of the Probate Owner for said county, held at the Probate Office in the village of Ithaca on the 2nd day of January in the respective and eight handred and innervalve. Present, John M. Eversion, John Schotter, In the matter of the estate of Remor Bamborough, deceased on reading and filing the petition, only verified, of Siron I. Gee, praying that a certain instrument mow on hie in this Court, purporting to be the lass Will and Testament of said deceased, may be admitted to Probate, and that administration thereof be granted unto said petitioner.

Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the 2th day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, he assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the hereat inw of said deceased, and silother persons interested in

Judge of Probate.

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said petition and that the heirs-at law of said decessed, and all other persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden in the Probate Office in the viliage of Ithacanad show cause if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted; and it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Alma Exchang a newspaper printed and circulated in said county three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

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Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate Office in the village of libaca on the 17th day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six Present, John M. Everden, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Saumh T. Fitzerraid, deceased. On reading and hing the petition, duly verified of Bennis Fitzgeraid, praying that an administrator be appointed of the estate of said deceased.

Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the 1th day of March sext, at ten o'clock is the forenoon, he assigned for the heating of said puttion, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then in the holded in the Probate Office, in the village of library and is is further ordered, that said puttioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, that said puttioner give notice to the persons interested in said county there have a said estate of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Alma Riccomp, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county these successive weeks prechous to said day of hearing (A true copy).

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